

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 1-11 and 37 will be active in the application subsequent to entry of this Amendment.

New claim 37 has been added to account for the deletion of claim 4 from previously multiple dependent claim 5; basis for this claim will be apparent from claim 5.

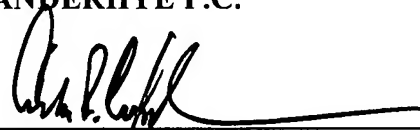
The claims have been amended in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim that which applicants regard as their invention and to address the issues raised in items 1 and 3 of the Official Action. Counsel believes that applicants have fully addressed all of the examiner's comments and concerns. However, should any issues remain please contact the undersigned for a quick resolution.

It is counsel's understanding that this Amendment should place all claims in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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